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Mayor declares snow emergency

Asks motorists to move vehicles parked on snow emergency routes

Mayor Jim Newberry declared a Stage One Snow Emergency, effective 6 p.m. today.

The Stage One Snow Emergency requires motorists to move vehicles parked on designated snow emergency routes. The affected roadways are marked with "Snow Emergency Route" street signs.

"We don't know what the evening is going to bring in terms of accumulation, but the National Weather Service is predicting that we will receive six to 10 inches," Newberry said. "We need to be able to plow snow routes and that requires that parked vehicles be moved. It's easier and safer for citizens to move their vehicles before the snow falls."

If vehicles are not moved by 10 p.m. today, they may be towed. Vehicle owners may retrieve their towed vehicles by calling the Police Reports Desk at 258-3563.

The snow emergency order remains in effect until it is lifted by the Mayor.

City and state crews are currently putting salt on the priority streets and roads. Salting will continue through the night and plowing will take place as needed on priority streets and roads.

The Snow and Ice Plan is available on city's website at www.lfucg.com.

SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY THE MAYOR

Pursuant to Section 13B of the Code of Ordinances, I am empowered to declare a snow emergency. Given the firm forecast by the National Weather Service of snow, sleet and freezing rain, it is necessary to expedite motor vehicle traffic and to prohibit parking on snow routes so snow plows may clear these routes.

I, with the approval of the State Commissioner of Highways, hereby declare a STAGE ONE SNOW EMERGENCY and adopt the following regulations:

1. Effective at 10 p.m. on March 7, 2008 and continuing until further notice, no motor vehicles shall be parked on any designated snow emergency routes. Snow emergency routes includes any public street, highway or thoroughfare designated by the urban county division of traffic engineering as a snow emergency route and posted with special signs properly identifying it as such a route.
2. Pursuant to Section 18B-6, the division of police is authorized to remove, or have removed, any vehicle in violation of this snow emergency to the nearest place of safety or to a location maintained by LFUCG.
3. The penalty for violation of the prohibitions in this Snow Emergency shall be not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

Jim Newberry, Mayor

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